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1. THE MISSION HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE OBSERVER OF SWITZERLAND ANNOUNCING THE CANDIDATURE OF MR. JOSEPH DITTERT FOR THE INCB. THE NOTE POINTS OUT THAT SWITZERLAND HAS NOT BEEN REPRESENTED WITHIN THE INCB OR WITHIN THE PRECEDING ORGAN IN THE PAST 20 YEARS. THE SWISS OBSERVER, AMB MARCUARD, ALSO TALKED WITH AMBASSADOR MYERSON SEEKING SUPPORT FOR DITTERT. USUN HAS ACKNOWLEDGED THE NOTE ROUTINELY.

2. CV IS AS FOLLOWS: DITTERT HAS BEEN SECRETARY OF THE INCB SINCE 1968 AND WILL BE RETIRING THIS YEAR. DITTERT BEGAN HIS CAREER IN UN NARCOTICS CONTROL AFFAIRS IN 1935 WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE PERMANENT CENTRAL NARCOTICS BOARD AND THE DRUG SUPERVISORY BOARD WHICH WERE SUPERCEDED BY THE INCB. AMONG HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WERE DETERMINATION OF GENERAL POLICY, STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES,
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ORGANIZATION OF INCB MEETINGS, RELATIONS WITH GOVERN-

MENTS, REPRESENTATION OF INCB AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES SUCH AS THE 1971 UN CONFERENCE FOR ADOPTION OF A PROTOCOL ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, AS WELL AS AT SESSIONS OF WHO, COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, ECOSOC AND THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. THE SWISS CANDIDACY IS THE SEVENTH REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR INCB CANDIDATES RECEIVED AT USUN TO DATE. PREVIOUS MESSAGES FORWARDED WERE FROM BANGLADESH (USUN 783); JAPAN (A-251, MARCH 2); THAILAND (A-192, FEB 19) WITH TWO CANDIDATES; TURKEY (A-172, FEB 12); AND FRG (A-299, MARCH 10).
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